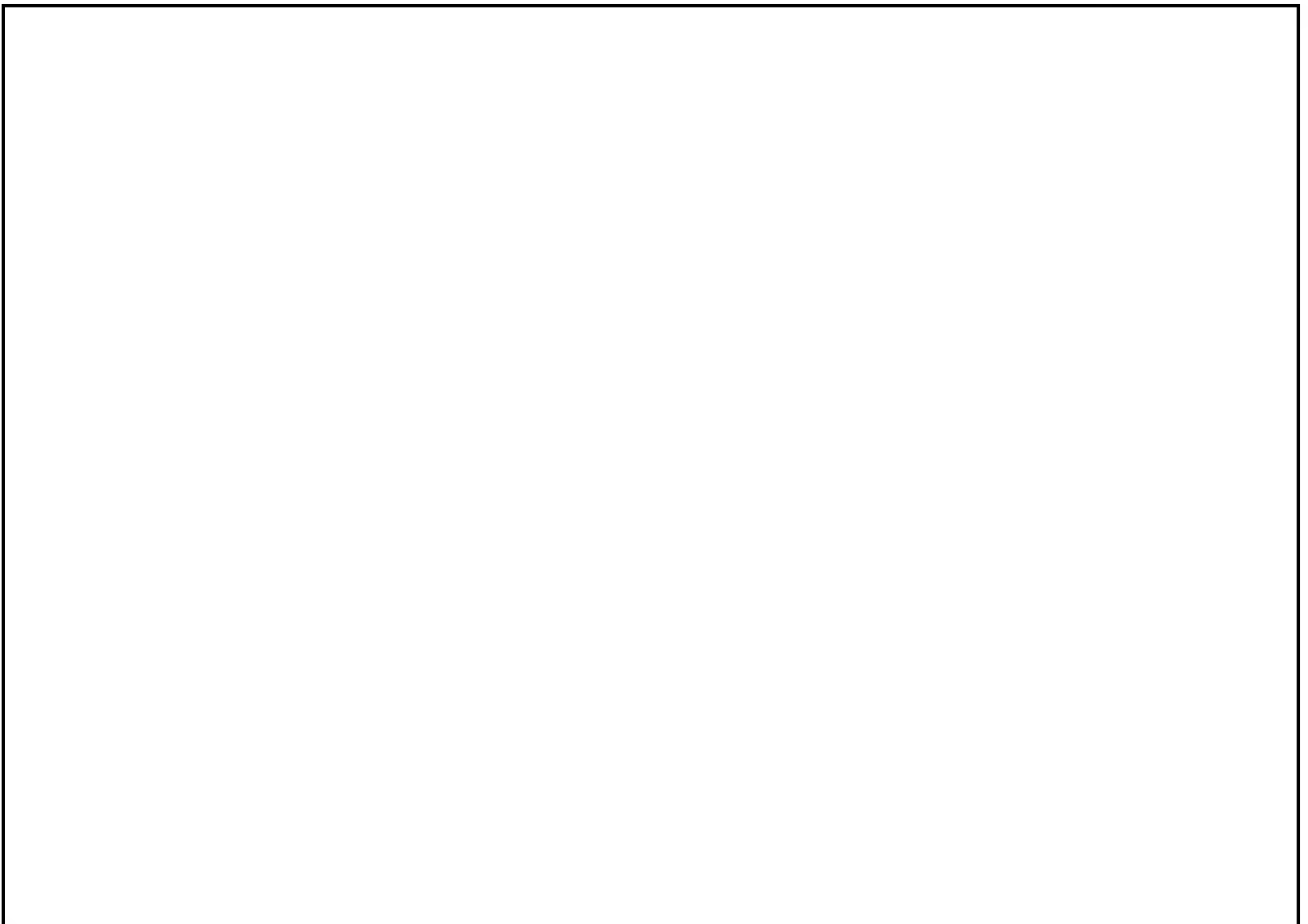


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The Indonesia Situation
(Report #52 - As of 4:00 P.M. EST)

1. The army claims that it is closing in on PKI boss Aidit in his Central Java hiding place. It claims that 5,000 troops have him surrounded and that he has little chance of escape. Aidit's secretary is reported to have been captured yesterday.

2. The military still remains uneasy about the situation in Central Java. Loyal troops are said to be stretched too thin to be able to do much in the rural areas where the PKI is strong. Tight restrictions on travel and assembly have been imposed and all inhabitants have been required to carry registration cards as well as any proof of party affiliation.

3. [REDACTED]
the army estimates that 70 percent of the population in the Solo area northeast of Jogjakarta are Communists. [REDACTED] casualties in this area have run into the hundreds--largely Moslem Youth elements killed by the PKI and PKI members killed by the army. A Moslem organization also paints a gloomy picture of the area, noting that religious elements remain under PKI pressure and that a considerable number of the troops normally stationed in the region have Communist sympathies.

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5. The Indonesian press continues to carry reports of the ouster of leftists from various government ministries. The Minister of Mining, himself a leftist, is reported to have fired a deputy minister and 10 other officials, while the ministry of estates has purged 116 persons and the ministry of tourism five. Wholesale dismissals of suspected PKI sympathizers on Djakarta faculties has apparently led to curtailment of courses at several universities. In North Sumatra some 750 officials are said to have been suspended and some 200 workers arrested on US-owned rubber estates alone.

6. The army is encouraged by the response of the population in North Sumatra to its anti-PKI campaign. It feels that the support it now can count on from the populace more than offsets the paramilitary potential of the PKI in the region. The army is said to hold 3,000 PKI prisoners in North Sumatra, with hundreds of others having been killed. The military feels that the back of the PKI strength in the area has now been broken and mopping-up operations--which may take as much as five months--are now in order.

7. Defense Minister Nasution and army commander Suharto are now said to be more confident of their ability to get Sukarno to ban the PKI. Nasution feels that the longer the present anti-PKI campaign continues the harder it will be to reverse, and that Sukarno will find it hard to resist the "united" will of the army, navy, marines and police without risk of a major crisis.

9. Communist China has formally protested the mob attack on its consulate in Medan on 2 November. The Chinese, according to NCNA, claim that this "outrageous attack" was organized by government and military authorities.

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